



Please type a plus sign (+) in this box →



RECEIVED

DEC 17 2003

TC 1700

PTO/SB/21 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

# TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Total Number of Pages in This Submission

18

Application Number

09/675,422

Filing Date

09/29/2000

First Named Inventor

YAMAGUCHI, Akira

Group Art Unit

1745

Examiner Name

TSANG FOSTER, Susy N.

Attorney Docket Number

09792909.0431

## ENCLOSURES

(check all that apply)

☐ Fee Transmittal Form

☐ Fee Attached

☒ Amendment / Reply

☐ After Final

☐ Affidavits/declaration(s)

☐ Extension of Time Request

☐ Express Abandonment Request

☐ Information Disclosure Statement

☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)

☐ Response to Missing Parts/  
Incomplete Application

☐ Response to Missing Parts  
Under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53

☐ Assignment Papers  
(for an Application)

☐ Drawings -- 3 Replacement Sheets

☐ Licensing-related Papers

☐ Petition

☐ Petition to Convert to a  
Provisional Application

☐ Power of Attorney, Revocation  
Change of Correspondence Address

☐ Terminal Disclaimer

☐ Request for Refund

☐ CD, Number of CD(s) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ After Allowance Communication  
to Group

☐ Appeal Communication to Board of  
Appeals and Interferences

☐ Appeal Communication to Group  
(Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)

☐ Proprietary Information

☐ Status Letter

☒ Other Enclosure(s) (please  
Identify below):

Certificate of Express Mailing;  
Return Receipt Postcard

Remarks

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any  
required fees associated with this communication or  
credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm  
or  
Individual Name

SONNENSCHN NATH & ROSENTHAL LLP (CUSTOMER # 26263)  
By Lara Dickey Lewis, Reg. No. 48,161

Signature

*Lara Dickey Lewis*

Date

12/11/2003

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," under 37 CFR 1.10, and addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 (**Express Mail # EL 716465978 US**) on this date:

12/11/2003

Typed or printed name

Lara Dickey Lewis

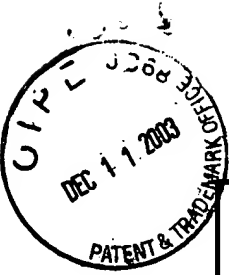
Signature

*Lara Dickey Lewis*

Date

12/11/2003

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



**Certificate of Mailing by EXPRESS MAIL  
under 37 CFR 1.10**

**RECEIVED  
DEC 17 2003  
TC 1700**

I hereby certify that the following documents:

**Transmittal Form (1 pg); Amendment/Reply to 09/11/03 Office Action (16 pgs);  
Return receipt postcard**

are being deposited with the United States Postal as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" and addressed to:

**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

On December 11, 2003  
Date

Lara Dickey Lewis  
Signature

Lara Dickey Lewis  
Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate

EL 716465978 US  
EXPRESS MAIL NO.

Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing by Express Mail, or this certificate must identify each submitted paper.

Docket No. 09792909.0431